

Wisconsin E-Brief for Title I Focus Schools

An e-newsletter from the Title I and School Support Team

June 2014

The third and final Indistar monitoring date for 2013-14 was April 30, 2014.

If you have not yet submitted, please do so as soon as you have entered the requirements:

Please make sure to update at least three active Indistar objectives by adding a task, updating a task, and/or adding narrative to each.

The DPI requirements for Indistar objectives remain the same:

- If you are an elementary school: One of your active objectives must align to PBIS and one must align to Rtl.
- If you are a middle or high school: One active objective must align to Rtl, one must align to PBIS, and one must align to EWS.

[Indistar indicators aligned to Rtl, PBIS, and EWS](#)

Focus School Principal Partnership Survey

Early in the 2013-14 year, DPI surveyed Focus School (FS) principals to see what types of support they would like offered. One popular request was to have access to another principal, typically from another district, with whom they could share ideas, ask questions, and build a relationship.

To help us to make the partnership even more beneficial, the FS principals told us what their greatest need or interest was in this collaboration. We then looked for a partner school that had experienced success in that need or interest as well as sharing common demographics with the Focus School. We recently surveyed both the FS principals and their partner principals to learn how the partnership worked. We had 28 replies out of 52 principals. The principals who reported the most satisfaction with the experience were those who were able to visit the partner principal's school and actually see the school in action. Others mentioned how it was helpful if they had specific topics to discuss with the principal whether it was through email or by phone.

We hope that many of these partnerships will endure. If your FS principal is interested in a partnership, please contact your DPI Focus School Consultant. Focus School grants can be used for school visits between partner schools.

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Focus School Requirements for the 2014-15 School Year

We wanted to let you know that the requirements for the next school year will be largely the same. If you are an elementary school, you will be required to have an active objective for RtI and PBIS and a third one of your choice at the three checkpoints during the year. If you are a middle or high school, you will be required to have an active objective for RtI, PBIS and EWS (early warning system) at the three checkpoints. The checkpoints are scheduled for October, January, and April.

We are not requiring, but we are highly recommending, that your staff take the SIR self-assessment through the RtI Center. This will show you your growth since the last time it was taken, most likely in 2012 or 2013. We encourage your staff to do this assessment annually.

We will again be providing Focus Schools with a \$14,000 grant for Indistar process manager and professional development.

Other Professional Development Opportunities and Resources

Professional development that may be funded with Focus School grants include:

- Wisconsin Statewide Mathematics Initiative courses, June-August, 2014
 - www.WSMI.net
- Wisconsin Alliance for Cultural and Linguistic Diversity, June 19-20, 2014
 - <http://www.wisacald.org>
- Common Core Camp
 - http://commoncore.dpi.wi.gov/news/common-core-team_0407
- Literacy Un-Conference: YouTube videos on important literacy topics
 - <https://sites.google.com/a/dpi.wi.gov/lituncon2014/>
- PBIS Leadership Conference
 - <http://login.myquickreg.com/agency/event/event.cfm?eventid=8737>

Other Resources

[DPI Title I Focus School Homepage](#)

[Indistar indicators aligned to RtI, PBIS, and EWS](#)